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0001	Will a bid be acceptable from a small business if offering a product from a large business?	Per FAR 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting, the small business concern must do over 50% of the work in order to bid on a small business set aside if their purchasing from a large business.	11/8/2013
0002	For CLIN 0011 to 0013 the packaging is called out to be Commercial - Does that mean we do not need to have special packaging outlined in 52.247-4016? Can we use standard pallets, boxes etc?	As per Amendment 0001, issued on 13 November 2013, CLINs 0011 through 0013 have been revised to delete reference to "Standard Commercial Practices" to "See Packaging and Marking" IN Section B. In addition, Section D is revised to delete 52.247-4016 "HEAT TREATMENT AND MARKING OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIALS" and add 52.211-4517 "PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS"	11/11/2013
0003	Total small business set aside, 52.219-6, states, "c) Agreement. A small business concern submitting an offer in its own name shall furnish, in performing the contract, only end items manufactured or produced by small business concerns in the United States or its outlying areas. If this procurement is processed under simplified acquisition procedures and the total amount of this contract does not exceed \$25,000, a small business concern may furnish the product of any domestic firm. This paragraph does not apply to construction or service contracts. " We are a SMBE but how does the above highlighted text affect us if we are re-selling a product made by a manufacturer in Israel?	This effort is not for construction, is not a service contract, and is valued at more than the simplified acquisition threshold. Therefore, as per FAR 52.219-6(d), the small business submitting an offer in its own name must furnish only end items manufactured or produced by small business concerns in the US or its outlying areas.	11/11/2013
0004	When evaluating a response is there any penalty for manufacturing in Israel vs domestically? I ask because we have the ability to move manufacturing to the states if that is a requirement	An Israeli country can manufacture this product. However, the product specification (Attachment 0001) can't be released because it is export controlled. Unless the exporter of the documents has an export license or an export compliance instrument in place. In addition, this export license or compliance instrument must be presented to the Government before the export of the product specification is executed.	11/11/2013
0005	I would like to confirm that the acronym "FAT" = First Article Test.	"FAT" = First Article Test	11/11/2013
0006	Is First Article Testing required? I could not find article 52.209-3 in the solicitation but it does mention FAT in the evaluation factors.	Yes, First Article Testing is required. Please see Amendment 0001, issued on 11 November 2013, which includes FAR 52.209-3	11/11/2013
0007	For plant visit and proof of responsibility will you visit Israel where the manufacturing takes place? To prove we are a responsible bidder should we prove the manufacturer is the responsible party or both?	The determination of responsibility is outlined in section M.3.3.1 of the solicitation. Per 52.219-6(d), the small business submitting an offer in its own name must furnish only end items manufactured or produced by small business concerns in the US or its outlying areas, AND that the item is export controlled so export license or export compliance instrument must be in place prior to releasing the specifications to a foreign contractor.	11/11/2013

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0008	The amendments were online on Friday but are no longer available. They do download but are empty documents. Can you check as I am missing Attachment 0001.	The documents are available through a explicit access link. The link is accessible through PROCNET and FBO.	11/11/2013
0009	Can you please confirm that I am allowed to send the solicitation and attachments to Israel? I am assuming I can as they are posted publicly with no password but I wanted to confirm.	The documents have been taken down and will now be available through a explicit access link. The link will be accessible through PROCNET and FBO. An Israeli country can manufacture this product. However, the product specification (Attachment 0001) can't be released because it is export controlled. Unless the exporter of the documents has an export license or an export compliance instrument in place. In addition, this export license or compliance instrument must be presented to the Government before the export of the product specification is executed.	11/11/2013
0010	We are currently performing under a contract from TACOM-Warren, which will run through the evaluation phase of RFP W56HZV-13-R-0400. Is this considered to be an OCI?"	This situation does not constitute an organizational conflict of interest.	11/8/2013
0011	The solicitation attachments are blank. Will you be providing us with a BOM to quote?	The documents include a product specification but no BOM. They are available through a explicit access link in PROCNET and FBO	11/8/2013
0012	I see that solicitation W56HZV13R0400 has been changed and that there are 3 attachments associated with the solicitation. However the attachments are blank and do not have any information. Can you please email me the information related to this solicitation?	The documents are available through a explicit access link. The link is accessible through PROCNET and FBO.	11/11/2013
0013	Attempting to access the CS Ethernet specification, but it is "locked"? How do we get access to it?	The contractor will need explicit access rights through FBO. The amendment 0001 to the solicitation provides instructions for access to the documents under 52.211-4072 on page 9 of 20.	11/13/2013
0014	Will the bidder be disqualified if any of the proposed product's dimensions exceeds any of the dimensions specified in RFP section 3.2.3.1?	Yes	11/19/2013
0015	It is very difficult for a small business to compete on this proposal based on this existing product. Is there any way for a prospective contractor to team with the Army on the actual solicitation/purchase?	The USG has determined through market research that there are several small businesses which can supply a switch meeting our requirements, and this solicitation reflects our intention to compete among small businesses. We do not intend to team with potential offerors on potential new designs or Non-Developmental Items.	11/19/2013

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0016	The performance specification lists the following requirements:	No, the Army does not plan to consider alternate connector configurations.	11/26/2013
	3.4.2.2		
	The MRAP ESU Ethernet port connectors shall be 38999 family A shell size connectors utilizing Mil-qualified 39029 size 23 contacts.		
	3.4.2.3		
	The MRAP ESU power source shall be via a MIL-DTL-38999 Series III connector with mil-qualified 39029 male contact pins size 20 (9-98 with A-Keying).		
	3.4.2.4		
	The MRAP ESU management port shall be via a MIL-DTL-38999 Series III connector with mil-qualified 39029 male contact pins size 23 (9-35 with A-Keying).		
	Will alternate connector configurations be considered by the Army for this project?		
0017	The solicitation references NAICS Code 334419 (other electronic component manufacturing). Would the Army consider amending the solicitation to NAICS code 334210 (Telephone Apparatus Manufacturing)? Included in NAICS code 334210 are class waivers to the Nonmanufacturer Rule for "routers and switches" ? A change in NAICS code to 334210 would allow additional small businesses to compete for the award of this solicitation and provide a broader manufacturer base for the Army to consider for the best pricing and best technical compatibility to the technical requirements of the	No, market research conducted by the Army indicates that there are a sufficient number of responsible small businesses which can manufacture this product.	11/26/2013
0018	Would the Army support an individual waiver to the Nonmanufacturer Rule for this solicitation? Such a waiver would allow additional small businesses to compete for the award of this solicitation and provide a broader manufacturer base for the Army to consider for the best pricing and best technical compatibility to the technical requirements of the solicitation.	No, market research conducted by the Army indicates that there are a sufficient number of responsible small businesses which can manufacture this product.	11/26/2013
0019	Is it possible to extend the solicitation until we are qualified in JCP to view the Solicitation?	No, the Army does not plan to extend the solicitation.	11/21/2013
0020	In reading the documents it looks like most of the FAR clauses are intended for someone looking to produce this product. What FAR clauses apply if a commercially available product meets the specifications? There will be no designing but it will be produced as it currently has been produced for years. Can terms and FAR's be applied to similar previous purchases of the product by the US Government?	The Government intends to procure commercial industrial Ethernet switches in accordance with the performance specification, as outlined in Narrative A0001 of the solicitation. Please be advised that this solicitation is for a commercial item and contains commercial clauses. The clauses included within this solicitation apply to this purchase.	12/5/2013